

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An electronic document viewer system for presenting on an electronic display a plurality of electronic documents input from a source, said system comprising:
  - 5 (a) a concept recognizer component configured for recognizing concepts and/or themes associated with content of documents from said source;
  - (b) a prioritization analyser component configured for ordering said recognized concepts and/or themes according to priority;
  - (c) a viewer component configured for presenting on said display a plurality of concept identifiers according to a directed network (hierarchical) configuration based on said priority ordering, wherein each said concept identifier represents a concept or theme recognized by said concept recognizer.
- 10 2. A viewer system according to claim 1 wherein leaf nodes are at the bottom of said directed network configuration and each said leaf node represents one said electronic document.
- 15 3. A viewer system according to claim 2 wherein said priority ordering is according to a user's priorities.
- 20 4. A viewer system according to claim 3 comprising an input document processing component configured for outputting a static document map corresponding to said input document.
- 25 5. A viewer system according to claim 4 wherein said concept recognizer component comprises a highlighter component configured for identifying key content of said input document on the basis of said document map.
6. A viewer system according to claim 5 wherein said viewer component displays on

5 said electronic display a predetermined amount of said key content for a document corresponding to a user-selected leaf node when a cursor operated by a user is positioned in the area of said leaf node.

10 7. A viewer system according to claim 6 comprising a concept learner component configured for creating new knowledge pertaining to said user on the basis of data sensed from the system's environment, for input to a knowledge base of user data.

15 8. A method for presenting a plurality of electronic documents on an electronic display, said method comprising:

20 (a) recognizing concepts and/or themes associated with content of said documents;  
(b) ordering said recognized concepts and/or themes according to priority;  
(c) presenting on said display a plurality of concept identifiers according to a directed network (hierarchical) configuration based on said priority ordering, whereby each said concept identifier represents a recognized concept or theme.

25 9. A method according to claim 8 whereby leaf nodes are at the bottom of said directed network configuration and each said leaf node represents one said electronic document.

10. A method according to claim 9 whereby said priority ordering is according to a user's priorities.

11. A method according to claim 10 comprising processing said documents and 25 outputting a static document map corresponding to each said document.

12. A method according to claim 11 whereby said concept recognizing step comprises identifying key content for each said document on the basis of said document maps.

30 13. A method according to claim 12 comprising displaying on said electronic display a

predetermined amount of said key content for a document corresponding to a user-selected leaf node when a cursor operated by a user is positioned in the area of said leaf node.

14. A method according to claim 13 comprising creating new knowledge pertaining to  
5 said user on the basis of data sensed from the system's environment and forwarding said  
new knowledge for input to a knowledge base of user data.